

BELLIGERENT DUTCH HELP ALLIED CAUSE

Great German Retirement on Western Front Due to Holland's Warlike Attitude.

SWEDISH MENACE A FACTOR

Diplomats in Washington Say Teutons' Continued Withdrawal Would Not Surprise.

The great German retirement before Haig's armies on the west front was in part a result of a call for more men and materials for the Holland front, allied diplomats here declared today.

Military attaches of allied embassies said they would be "far from surprised" if the present German retirement continues.

These diplomats said that with the Dutch government, incensed over recent vast destruction of her merchant ships, more belligerently inclined than at any time since the war began, presents a big problem for the German land forces.

They believe, also, that the Swedish menace, added to that seen in Holland, is a contributory reason why the German general staff is willing to fall back in the west, thereby slightly shortening the lines she must defend against Haig's battering, and affording an opportunity to shift to the Dutch front the men thus released.

It was pointed out in allied circles that allied war heads have always believed that Germany was so prodigal of lives and materials at Verdun that, upon winning there, the Teutons could have afforded to fall back on a practically straight line of defenses stretching from Verdun northward through Brussels or Namur to Bruges. Such a line, it was pointed out, would take hundreds of thousands less to defend, since it would be many miles shorter than the present circuitous line.

Also, military attaches of allied embassies here said, such a line, although meaning evacuation of much of the present occupied territory of Northern France and Belgium, would be far more easily defended, since it would be nearer the larger bases of supplies, and for other obvious reasons.

HOLLAND'S DANGER ACUTE

Germans Reported Entrenching Along Line of Frontier.

LONDON, Feb. 26.—Holland now understands why two months ago Germany began massing troops near the Dutch border and appreciates the menace in widespread rumors that these troops have actually constructed trenches paralleling the line.

The public indignation over the sinking of seven Dutch ships by German submarines was tempered today by realization of the acute danger with which the Netherlands are menaced in these German forces across the line.

Dispatches from various cities today declare there has been no abatement in popular anger at the sinkings, but a general disposition to weigh this example of German double dealing against the consequences of a sweep forward by those ever menacing German troops. The German explanation as received by wireless did not serve to reassure the public. This explanation details negotiations with Berlin by Dutch shippers for safe conduct of the liners from Rotterdam after February 5, when the last restriction on submarines was received; how permission was granted to February 23, and how later the German government announced the ships could leave "with full safety" on March 17, or "only relative safety" on February 22.

The "relative safety" for the 22d, it was explained, was due to the fact that it was not certain all submarines would receive wireless orders to accord the Dutch ships passage.

"Apparently," the Berlin statement concludes, "the eight ships finally took upon themselves the risk of the trip. If the Dutch news is correct, that these eight ships have been destroyed—one is said to have struck a mine near the English coast, while the other seven, on the afternoon of February 22, were destroyed on the course indicated—it is to be deeply regretted, but the responsibility falls upon the ship owners who preferred to send their ships under only comparative security on February 22, instead of waiting until March 17, at which time full safety had been promised."

ACTRESS, IN TUB, RESCUED

Firemen Also Save Bulldog, Canary, and Cat.

NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—A cat, a canary bird, a bulldog, which snapped at every one who touched him, and an actress who was overcome by smoke while in her bath, were only a few of the things rescued by firemen from the burning Concord apartments, about 10 o'clock yesterday morning.

The fire was discovered while most of the dwellers—all theatrical people—were still asleep. They escaped in sketchy costumes. Walter James, a motion picture actor for the Famous Players Company, ran down one flight of stairs in his pajamas, with his arms full of clothes, and tumbled down the rest.

Both canary and cat belonged to Mrs. R. V. Thomas. The dog was the property of Mrs. Betty Poutin. Miss Dorothy Burdard was rescued from her tub. The fire destroyed four floors and caused an estimated loss of \$7,500.

ONE YANKEE IN HELL

FORT WORTH, Feb. 26.—M. H. Gossett, manager of the municipal free employment bureau, is in receipt of two letters from widely divergent places. One was from a woman in Paradise, Tex., seeking a cook. The other was from a friend in Hell, Norway.—J. A. Norton, of Boston—who bragged that he was the only American in Hell, the others being Norwegians.

HELMUS RITES TOMORROW

Masons to Be in Charge of Pioneer Resident's Funeral.

Funeral services for William Helmus, a resident of Washington for the last fifty-six years, who died yesterday, will be held under Masonic auspices tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock. Burial will be in Glenwood Cemetery.

He was a member of Harmony Lodge of Masons, Lafayette Chapter, Columbia Commandery, No. 2, Knights Templar, and of the Mystic Shrine. Mr. Helmus was born in Worms, Germany, November 21, 1834, and came to this country in 1849, settling first in Baltimore. He came to this city in 1861 and engaged in business until a few years ago, when he retired. He resided at 1735 Riggs place.

He is survived by his widow and two daughters, Mrs. E. C. Walford and Mrs. Harry Ward.

WILSON MAY DINE WITH THE GUARD

Will Be Invited to Feast to Men Now in Service of Federal Government.

President Wilson will be asked to attend the reception and celebration to be given by the Military Service Legion and Board of Trade in honor of the District guardsmen when they return from Texas.

Secretary of War Baker, the District Commissioners, Brig. Gen. William E. Harvey, commanding the guard, and representatives of the Board of Trade and Chamber of Commerce also will be invited to participate in the homecoming celebration.

Before Muster Out.

Officials of the Military Service Legion announced today that the celebration would be staged at Convention Hall some time after the inauguration, but before the members of the Third Regiment and Troop A are mustered out of the Federal service.

Besides the soldiers in the commands now en route home, the members of the Field Hospital Corps, Signal Corps, Battery B, and the other units which have already returned will be entertained.

Col. Clarence Sayers, chairman of the legion's committee on employment, today announced that the outlook for providing positions for all the soldiers is most gratifying.

"We have received a number of requests from Washington business men for mechanics, painters, clerks, and other employes," said Colonel Sayers. "It looks as if we may be able to provide jobs for all the men out of work, but I am urging Washington business men to let me know at once how many men for whom they can furnish positions."

Business Men Active.

"Our committee is especially gratified over the fact that Washington business men have shown a splendid spirit with regard to restoring guardsmen to the positions they left when they responded to the President's last call."

Colonel Sayers said today that because of the generous spirit shown by Washington business men employment had been found for several members of the First Maryland Regiment who live at Hyattsville and Silver Spring.

WOULD BUY HERO HOME

Further Reward Planned for Avenger of Flag Insult.

A movement to reward further Leo H. Lukick, of the United States Coast Guard, who was recently presented with a gold medal for knocking down a man who wiped his hands on an American flag, is being pushed today by the United States Coast Guard.

"Arrangements are being made to raise a fund to buy Lukick a home in the suburbs of New York that will cost about \$3,000," said Mr. Bennett today. "Lukick is a native-born Austrian—a so-called 'hyphenate'—and deserves more than the medal for his patriotism, as he set a splendid example to all Americans."

Mr. Bennett said that an active campaign will be conducted, and he expected the fund will be subscribed within a short time. Lukick is now on duty at the recruiting office of the Coast Guard at the Battery barge office in New York, and is anxious to bring his wife and daughter from Detroit.

The agent and treasurer of the proposed fund will be the Guaranty Trust Company of New York, which will receive any subscriptions sent.

RESERVE OFFICERS TRAIN

National Capital College Already Has 152 Recruits Enrolled.

Active work toward the training of a corps of reserve officers for the army was begun yesterday by the National Capital Military College, an organization recently incorporated and recognized by the War Department as a branch of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps.

Until a committee decides on the permanent location of the school, the 152 recruits already enrolled will meet at the Home Club, 14 Jackson place northwest. Admission to the corps is open to any male citizen of the District who is eighteen years old, who has a high school education or its equivalent, and who is in good physical condition.

Major E. S. Bomar is at the head of the movement.

CALLS COMMONERS SUPREME.

The salvation of the world is not in the kings and rulers of the earth, but in the common people, said Congressman W. C. Hawley, of Oregon, speaking on "The Unearned Increment in Modern Life" yesterday afternoon at the Y. M. C. A. "We have freedom, educational opportunities, and liberty today only because the multitude of unknown common people gave their lives in the centuries gone by," he said. Walter Smith, cornetist of the Marine Band, gave several solos.

"USE SKIMMED MILK."

NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—Cut living costs by selling skimmed milk, now used to make composition billiard balls, and dry beans, now used to make buttons, Prof. Andrews, of Teachers' College, advises.

BRITISH PRESS ON TOWARD BAPAUME

German Retirement Imperils Hold on Strongly Fortified Town.

POUNDED FOR TWO YEARS

Hardly a Blow Struck by Forces in Rapid Retreat.

WITH THE BRITISH ARMIES

AFIELD, Feb. 26.—Bapaume, on which the Germans lavished great defensive works and which they have often declared would fall only "after the greatest price ever paid by a victorious army," is now directly threatened by the greatest German retirement since "stationary warfare" began more than two years ago.

Exulting in their newly won possessions of such historic towns as Miraumont, Petit Miraumont, and Pys, the British forces were today exploring the limits of the German retreat.

The movement backward by the enemy may not yet be ended. Patrols are out in all directions. They are pressing the Germans, who only a week ago offered the most stubborn resistance, but who now, responding to their higher command, decided to retire without further fighting.

Worn Away Bit by Bit.

The newly occupied ground opens many possibilities for the British forces.

Retirement by the Germans from Bapaume, an important strategic point, is now confidently predicted. For two years British troops have pounded incessantly toward this position. Even winter's snow and frosts have not stilled the methodical British bombardment on German positions. Bit by bit Haig's troops have worn away the German morale and battered the enemy's trenches.

One week ago the British drove forward sensationally northwest of Le Sars and near Petit Miraumont. At that time it was pointed out that the German strategic position after this fresh British advance was such that a retreat was likely. It was not expected, however, that the retreat would be carried out without a desperate effort by the enemy to straighten out the "kink" in the line put there by the advance of February 17.

Turks Lose on Tigris.

But front dispatches today indicated a withdrawal with hardly a blow struck. A few machine gun squads were left, with snipers to harass the advancing forces, but these were quickly stifled. The full extent of the retirement has not yet been revealed by reconnoitering parties. Preliminary information, however, discloses that British forces are now within four miles of Bapaume.

Butte de Warlencourt, of bloody memory; Serre, Pys, Miraumont and Petit Miraumont—all British hands. All have witnessed some of the most bloody fighting on the western front.

The other advance by British forces was the capture of the village of Kut-el-Amara, memorable as the spot where General Townshend and his 9,000 British troops early in the war held out so long before the Turkish forces before they were starved into surrender. It is now assuredly the British, and not the Turkish, who are trapped in much the same fashion that Townshend was caught.

PLOT TOOK TWO SHIPS

Perseus and Worcestershire Fell Victim to Bombs on Board.

TOKYO, Feb. 26.—The British steamers Perseus and Worcestershire have been sunk off Colombo, according to announcement today. No details have so far been received, but it was reported there were explosions aboard both vessels, due to German plotting.

The Perseus was reported sunk from London on February 23, and the Worcestershire on February 19. It was then assumed they fell victim to the German submarine warfare in the barred zone. The Tokyo dispatch is the first that they were sunk in a section where rumors have recently been reported of a German raid. The Japanese government has a strict censorship on ship news, and it is barely possible that the "explosions," due to German plotting, mentioned in the dispatch may be simply an indication that these vessels fell victim to the raider.

Colombo is the principal seaport town of Ceylon, an English possession.

The Perseus was a steel screw liner of 3,228 tons, owned by the Ocean Steamship Company, Limited, and registered at Liverpool.

The Worcestershire was a steel screw steamer of 7,175 tons, owned by the Bibby Steamship Company, and registered at Liverpool.

The Japanese naval authorities have learned the Perseus was sunk after she had gone about ten miles from Colombo, Ceylon. Reports that a German submarine was directly responsible for the sinking of the two vessels were denied. It is presumed, however, that German plotting caused the disasters, and that Teuton agents secretly placed bombs on the two vessels, timed to explode at sea.

TALKS OF WOMAN'S POWER

The Rev. Dr. James L. Gordon Tells of Their Influence on Careers.

The power which a true woman or a false woman can exert over her husband was the subject of the sermon by the Rev. James L. Gordon at the First Congregational Church last night.

Some of the examples given by Dr. Gordon were those of Cleopatra and Mark Anthony, Henry VIII and Anne Boleyn, Brutus, and Calpurnia, assassins of McKinley.

"No man marries beneath him," said Dr. Gordon. "He marries just where he is. A man can rise no higher than the woman he marries, or without her. The most dangerous thing in all the universe is a false friend. Many a great man owes his life, his success, his honors, to the undying friendship of his mother."

NEW MAP OF WASHINGTON

Geological Survey Prepares Perfect Chart of City.

Automobilists, really men and business houses generally are indebted to the Geological Survey for the most perfect map ever published of this city. The map is a topographic relief map, and citizens can sit in their offices with it, map out their Sunday afternoon drive, even figuring how much gasoline it will take to make some of the hills, or sell real estate.

The map shows an area of 465 square miles, which includes almost every form of topography from the lowlands along the Potomac drive to the broken country in Rock Creek Park and the picturesque gorge of the Potomac above the city. It was made in the field, and special attention has been given to information for motorists.

There is an unlimited quantity of the maps, which will sell for 25 cents retail and 15 cents in lots of fifty or more. They are built on a scale of two inches to the mile.

U. S. MUST ACT OR "HOIST WHITE FLAG"

Alexander Powell, Correspondent, Denounces Pacifism, Urges Preparedness.

"If we are going to let Germany change the name of the Atlantic Ocean to Lake Wilhelm we might as well hoist the white flag right now."

E. Alexander Powell, author and war correspondent, declared in the course of a lecture in Memorial Continental Hall, attended by high Government officials and members of Congress, last night.

Mr. Powell, who spent two years in the European war zone, denounced pacifism and made a strong appeal for preparedness.

"A member of Congress told me," said Mr. Powell, "that it would be political suicide for him to vote for universal service."

Control of Air Vital.

"I replied, 'If you don't vote for universal military training you may be voting for wholesale murder. In the event of war you may have cause to regret that you didn't risk political suicide in order to avoid murder.'"

Mr. Powell declared that universal training brings on militarism any more than the purchase of an umbrella brings on rain.

After telling of how allied aeroplanes flew daily over the German lines, taking thousands of photographs, the lecturer said:

"The United States must bear in mind that it is most vital to have absolute control of the air in the event of war."

Mr. Powell also pointed to the necessity for a plan for the mobilization of the motor cars of the country in the event of war.

War Pictures Shown.

Following his talk, Mr. Powell exhibited motion pictures of "A Thousand Miles of Battle," loaned by the French government. The lecture was delivered under the auspices of the advisory commission of the Council of National Defense and the Washington Society of Engineers.

Among prominent persons in the audience were Secretary of the President Tumulty and a party; Secretary and Mrs. McAdoo, Gen. and Mrs. George B. Scrivenor, Postmaster General and Mrs. Burien, Chief Justice White, of the United States Supreme Court; Col. W. W. Harts, superintendent of public buildings and grounds; Secretary and Mrs. Hedfield; the French Ambassador, J. J. Jusserand; the Swiss Minister, Dr. Ritter; the Japanese Ambassador, Almaro Sato, and Mrs. Sato; the Chinese Minister, Wellington Koo, and Mrs. Koo; the Danish Minister, Constantin Brun, and the Bolivian Minister, Ignacio Calderon.

SOLD GOLD FROM TEETH

Jail Prisoner Had Bridge Made at County's Expense.

NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—Charles Brown, of Dundee Lake, N. J., who got into the Hackensack jail yesterday on the charge of beating his wife, will not receive the attentions he did when he was a prisoner there 1915 for a similar offense.

Brown complained of illness at that time and Sheriff Hoath attributed it to the condition of his teeth. He sent the prisoner to Pallsade, where a dentist but a gold bridge in his mouth and sent the county a bill for \$125.

County Physician Ogden refused to O. K. it, but after a bitter controversy between him and the sheriff the taxpayers were compelled to make good the amount. When Brown was led into the jail yesterday Sheriff Courter, in 1915 a detective, recognized him and asked:

"How is your set of gold teeth?"

"Oh, I sold it for \$4," he answered.

PASTOR DEFENDS SOME LIES.

NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—The Rev. Dr. Refener told his congregation at Grace Methodist Church last night that there may be circumstances under which it is right to lie. He read answers from several persons whose opinions on lying were given. George S. Ward, president of the Ward Bread Company, said it is right to lie if justified by a good conscience.

Don't Let Soap Spoil Your Hair

When you wash your hair, be careful what you use. Most soaps and prepared shampoos contain too much alkali, which is very injurious, as it dries the scalp and makes the hair brittle.

The best thing to use is just plain mulford coconut oil, for this is pure and entirely greaseless. It's very cheap, and beats the most expensive soaps or anything else all to pieces. You can get this at any drug store, and a few ounces will last the whole family for months.

Simply moisten the hair with water and rub it in, about a teaspoonful is all that is required. It makes an abundance of rich, creamy lather, cleanses thoroughly, and rinses out easily. The hair dries quickly and evenly, and is soft, fresh looking, bright, fluffy, wavy, and easy to handle. Besides it loosens and takes away every particle of dust, dirt, and dandruff.—Advt.

GETS TIME FLASH BY ODD WIRELESS

House Office Building Electrician Uses Sidewalk Grating For Ingenious Aerial.

At 11:55 o'clock this morning Rudolf Wilson, chief electrician of the House Office Building, looked at his watch. Then he put together a rather one-cylinder wireless set and attached toward the sidewalk grating above his head.

Geography must intervene for a moment. Mr. Wilson's office is below the street level. One of his office windows opens out upon a small airway, built upon the sidewalk. A long grating prevents the passerby from tumbling into Wilson's light-and-air shaft.

That grating is about eight feet above the window of Wilson's office, so at 11:55 o'clock this morning Mr. Wilson took the two wires of his wireless set, climbed out his office window and hung each wire over a separate bar of the grating above his head. Then he climbed down and adjusted the gutta serena receivers to his ears and listened.

Grating Is His Aerial.

Pretty soon he took out his watch, held it in his hand, and presently switched up the minute hand a tiny bit. That act completed, he took the receivers off his ears, unhooked the wires from the grating and remarked:

"My watch must be losing time. I just got the Arlington time-flash over my wireless set, and that clock of mine was a good fifteen minutes slow. You see, I get the time-flash every day at noon from the Arlington wireless station. That grating up there—yes, those iron bars—is my aerial. Pretty nifty, isn't it?"

Then Wilson told the rest of the story. A year or so ago, they planned, to put a clock system in the House Office Building. A clock system depends on one master-clock, which regulates the secondary clocks. The master-clock must be right, of course, and it was up to Wilson to keep it right. He knew Arlington sent out a time flash, but he didn't know how to catch it without building an expensive aerial.

Eraser As Insulator.

Sitting in his office one day, gazing up toward the street level, he saw the grating, and he had an idea. He got a couple of rubber erasers, propped up a section of the grating and slipped the erasers under for insulators. Then he connected up his wires and, sure enough, it worked.

"That's nothing, though," deprecated Mr. Wilson. "If I had a tree handy, I could drive a nail in it and use the nail for an aerial. That's all I need for short-distance work, though the grating is handy. You'd be surprised to know how good an aerial that grating is. I can sit here on a clear day, with my set looped up, and listen to the ships chatting, out at sea. And on other days, I can hear the wireless station at Norfolk talking to Arlington."

It's a funny thing, though, why my watch keeps losing, that way!"

JUSTICE COVINGTON SPEAKER.

"There is very little difference between men, as far as position is concerned," said Chief Justice Harry Covington, of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, last night speaking before a crowd of Gospel Mission workers and "down-and-out" men at the Gospel Mission, 214 John Marshall place.

"The real difference between men is in the spirit of love manifested toward one another by men," he said. Confidence in one's self, he said, will aid in procuring a position because "a man who doubts whether he can procure a position generally will not succeed in getting one." Congressman J. M. Nelson of Wisconsin presided.

SING SING DEAN FREED.

NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—Peter Peterson, dean of the 1,400 prisoners at Sing Sing and the oldest man there, has been paroled and was released today. Peterson, who is eighty-five years old, was sentenced from New York county for a five-year term.

THE man or woman that "puts on airs" ain't half as attractive as one that's natural, an' what's true of folks is true of tobacco.

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